

1999 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

California High School Survey *Survey Summary*

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was administered to 3,206 students in 29 regular public high schools in California during the spring of 1999. The school response rate was 46%, the student response rate was 61%, and the overall response rate was 28%. The results are representative of only those students who completed the questionnaire. The sample was comprised of the following students:

Female	50.4 %	9th grade	26.5 %	Asian	10.1 %
Male	49.6 %	10th grade	29.1 %	African American	6.5 %
		11th grade	23.7 %	Hispanic /Latino	34.8 %
		12th grade	20.6 %	White	42.0 %
				All other races	3.5 %
				Multiple races	3.1 %

Students completed a self-administered, anonymous, 87-item questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of students by allowing for anonymous and voluntary participation. Local parental permission procedures were followed before survey administration.

The YRBS is one component of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives from 71 state and local departments of education and health, 19 other federal agencies, and national education and health organizations. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System was designed to focus the nation on behaviors among youth related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among both youth and adults and to assess how these risk behaviors change over time. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System measures behaviors that fall into six categories: (1) behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries; (2) tobacco use; (3) alcohol and other drug use; (4) sexual behaviors that result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancies; (5) dietary behaviors; and (6) physical activity.

More information about the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System can be obtained from <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs>.